

SUBJECT: Consideration of Case No. C-2009-040, Johnny London

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MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: October 4, 2011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Johnny London holds a Standard Secondary Education certificate which expired on June 16, 2011.

On November 26, 2003, Casa Grande School District ("CGSD") suspended Mr. London for two days without pay for striking a teacher in the face. He maintained that he did so playfully with no intent to harm.

On May 16, 2005, he received a letter of reprimand for sending unprofessional e-mails.

In August 2006, CGSD received several allegations that Mr. London allowed students in his classroom when they were supposed to be elsewhere. As a result, CGSD required that Mr. London reapply for his teaching position for the following year. He was rehired.

On February 15, 2006, a female student was discovered alone with him in a locked classroom. He received a memorandum from CGSD instructing him to maintain professional conduct with students at all times.

On February 28, 2007, it was reported he made inappropriate comments to a student and behaved inappropriately. The student reported the incident to the Casa Grande Police Department. The Casa Grande Police investigated the report. No charges were filed.

On April 24, 2007, while under investigation by CGSD and at the suggestion of his then principal, Mr. London tendered his resignation effective at the end of the school year.

A complaint, alleging unprofessional conduct, was initiated against the certificate held by Mr. London. After the complaint was filed, negotiations ensued to reach a settlement agreement in lieu of proceeding with a full hearing before the Professional Practices Advisory Committee ("PPAC").

On September 13, 2011, the Professional Practices Advisory Committee ("PPAC") considered the proposed settlement agreement. The terms of the agreement include a two-year partially retroactive suspension of certification and the completion of a Board staff approved course on professionalism. The counseling must be completed or the suspension will continue to remain in effect.

The PPAC voted 5 to 0 to recommend approval the Settlement Agreement.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: ☐ INFORMATION ☒ ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:

That the Board **accept** the recommendation of the PPAC to approve the Settlement Agreement for a **suspension of certification** held by **Johnny London** and, that all states and territories be so notified.

ATTACHMENTS: YES ☒ NO ☐